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Per the following link: <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/>, I believe the the proposed settlement is not in the best interests of the public. As a software developer for more than 15 years, would like to see an open API for the Windows operating system. This would allow software to be developed in a truly competitive environment (both operating systems and applications).

My favorite computer book of all time is the "Advanced Programming in the Unix Environment" by Stevens. This book enumerated the Unix APIs and allowed many developers to see into the API and develop their own applications. It is a shame that a similar book does not exist for the Windows Operating system. The Java programming language is predicated on a "virtual machine". Having an open API for all machines would make the need for JAVA less (and that is a huge segment of the software development community).

Sincerely,  
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